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H. R. 2126

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to reduce from 60 to 55 the age at which an individual who is otherwise eligible may be paid widow's or widower's insurance benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Sur-
5 vivors’ Fairness Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR WIDOW’S**

7 **AND WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

8 (a) WIDOW’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(e)(1) of the So-
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(1)) is amended
3 by striking “age 60” each place it appears in sub-
4 paragraph (B) and in the matter following subpara-
5 graph (F) and inserting “age 55”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (A) Section 202(e)(3)(A) of such Act (42
8 U.S.C. 402(e)(3)(A)) is amended by striking
9 “age 60” and inserting “age 55”.

10 (B) Section 202(e)(4) of such Act (42
11 U.S.C. 402(e)(4)) is amended by striking “age
12 60” and inserting “age 55”.

13 (b) WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(f)(1) of such
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(1)) is amended by striking
16 “age 60” each place it appears in subparagraph (B)
17 and in the matter following subparagraph (F) and
18 inserting “age 55”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (A) Section 202(f)(3)(A) of such Act (42
21 U.S.C. 402(f)(3)(A)) is amended by striking
22 “age 60” and inserting “age 55”.

23 (B) Section 202(f)(4) of such Act (42
24 U.S.C. 402(f)(4)) is amended by striking “age
25 60” and inserting “age 55”.

1 (c) ADJUSTMENT TO REDUCTION PERCENTAGE
2 WITH RETIREMENT AGE AT AGE 65.—

3 (1) REDUCTION IN MONTHLY REDUCTION.—
4 Section 202(q)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 402(q)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “ $\frac{19}{40}$ of 1
6 percent” and inserting “ $\frac{19}{80}$ of 1 percent”.

7 (2) EXPANSION OF MAXIMUM REDUCTION PE-
8 RIOD.—Section 202(q)(6)(A)(iii) of such Act (42
9 U.S.C. 402(q)(6)(A)(iii)), by striking “age 60” and
10 inserting “age 55”.

11 (d) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title
12 II of such Act is further amended—

13 (1) in the last sentence of section 203(c) (42
14 U.S.C. 403(c)), by striking “age 60” and inserting
15 “age 55”;

16 (2) in clause (D) of the last sentence of section
17 203(f)(1) (42 U.S.C. 403(f)(1)(D)), by striking “age
18 60” and inserting “age 55”;

19 (3) in section 216(l)(2), by striking “age 60”
20 and inserting “age 55”;

21 (4) in the first sentence of section 222(c)(3)
22 (42 U.S.C. 422(c)(3)), by striking “age 60” and in-
23 serting “age 55”;

1 (5) in section 222(d)(1) (42 U.S.C. 422(d)(1)),
2 by striking “age 60” in clauses (C) and (D), and in-
3 serting in each instance “age 55”; and

4 (6) in section 225(a) (42 U.S.C. 425(a)), by
5 striking “age 60” each place it appears and insert-
6 ing “age 55”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
9 respect to monthly insurance benefits payable under title
10 II of the Social Security Act for months after the month
11 in which this Act is enacted.

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